

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of all claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~programmable television services client device~~ television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to navigate to an individual television service, said ~~client device~~ STT coupled to a programmable television services server device, said ~~client device~~ STT comprising:

memory for storing data;

an interactive program guide contained in said memory for displaying program information received by said ~~client device~~ STT from said server device;

configuration information contained in said memory, said configuration information comprising a plurality of initial guide arrangements and a selection indication that denotes one of said plurality of initial guide arrangements as a selected initial guide arrangement; and

a processor configured to cause said ~~client device~~ STT to initially display said program information according to said selected initial guide arrangement, said processor responsive to said interactive program guide, said configuration information, and said first user input.

2. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a time format, including a centered and highlighted (“in-focus”) lowest channel of a plurality of channels in a channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a listing by time of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels shown and in said channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

3. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 2, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) program on the current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

4. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 2, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) program on a user pre-configured viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

5. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 2, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

6. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a theme format displaying a first alphabetical theme in a theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical theme shown in said theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

7. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing program for a current time slot centered in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

8. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 6, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

9. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured theme format including a user pre-configured theme highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured theme in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

10. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

11. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a title format displaying a first alphabetical category in a title portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical category.

12. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current title format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing program for a current time slot centered in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a title category in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said current viewing program.

13. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 11, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new title category not corresponding to said current viewing program in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new title category.

14. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured title format including a user pre-configured title highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured title in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

15. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 11, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

16. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 1, wherein said selected initial guide arrangement is configured in a browse-by menu format including a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user.

17. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 16, wherein a default menu format is a browse-by time format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

18. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 17, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format selectable from said browse-by menu, said current time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

19. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 16, wherein a default menu format is a browse-by theme format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

20. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 19, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format selectable from said browse-by menu, said current theme format including a current viewing program for a current time slot highlighted (“in-focus”) in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

21. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 20, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

22. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 16, wherein a default menu format is a browse-by title format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

23. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 22, wherein said processor is further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current title format selectable from said browse-by menu, said current title format including a current viewing program for a current time slot and highlighted (“in-focus”) centered in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a title category in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said current viewing program.

24. (Currently Amended) The STT ~~programmable television services client device~~ of claim 23, wherein said processor is responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new title category not corresponding to said current viewing program in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new title category.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for implementing a television set-top terminal (STT) ~~programmable television services client device~~ to enable a user to navigate to an individual television service, said ~~client device~~ STT coupled to a programmable television services server device, said ~~client device~~ method comprising the steps of:

- implementing a memory for storing data;
- causing an interactive program guide contained in said memory to display program information received by said ~~client device~~ STT from said server device;
- implementing configuration information contained in said memory, said configuration information comprising a plurality of initial guide arrangements and a selection indication that denotes one of said plurality of initial guide arrangements as a selected initial guide arrangement; and
- implementing a processor configured to cause said ~~client device~~ STT to initially display said program information according to said selected initial guide arrangement, said processor responsive to said interactive program guide, said configuration information, and said first user input.

26. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:

- causing said selected initial guide arrangement to be configured in a time format including a centered lowest channel of a plurality of channels in a channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a listing by time of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels shown in said channel portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of:

- causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format including a centered current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent

guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured time format including a highlighted (“in-focus”) program on a user pre-configured viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

29. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

30. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:

causing said selected initial guide arrangement to be configured in a theme format displaying a first alphabetical theme in a theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical theme shown in said theme portion of said selected initial guide arrangement.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format including a current viewing program for a current time slot centered in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

33. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured theme format including a user pre-configured theme highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured theme in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

34. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

35. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:
causing said selected initial guide arrangement to be configured in a title format displaying a first alphabetical category in a title portion of said selected initial guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in a main program display portion of said selected initial guide arrangement corresponding to said first alphabetical category.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current title format including a current viewing program for a current time slot centered in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a title category in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said current viewing program.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new title category not corresponding to said current viewing program in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new title category.

38. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a user-configured title format including a user pre-configured title highlighted in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and programs corresponding to said user pre-configured title in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

39. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:

causing said processor to be further responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement with a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user overlaid on said channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

40. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:

causing said selected initial guide arrangement to be configured in a browse-by menu format including a menu of ordering formats selectable by a user.

41. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of: causing a default menu format to be a browse-by time format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

42. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of: causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current time format, said current time format including a centered current viewing channel of a plurality of channels in said channel portion in said subsequent guide arrangement and a listing by time of current and future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said plurality of channels in a channel portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

43. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of: causing a default menu format to be a browse-by theme format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

44. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 43, further comprising the step of: causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current theme format, said current theme format including a current viewing program for a current time slot centered in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a theme category corresponding to said current viewing program in a theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44, further comprising the step of: causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new theme not corresponding to said current viewing program in said theme portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a plurality of future programs in a main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new theme.

46. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of: causing said a default menu format to be a browse-by title format including a listing of future programs in a main program display of said selected initial guide arrangement.

47. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising the step of: causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a subsequent guide arrangement in a current title format, said current title format including a current viewing program for a current time slot centered in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and a title category in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said current viewing program.

48. (Original) The method of claim 47, further comprising the step of: causing said processor to be responsive to a subsequent user input to display a new title category not corresponding to said current viewing program in said title portion of said subsequent guide arrangement and an alphabetical listing by time of a plurality of programs in said main program display portion of said subsequent guide arrangement corresponding to said new title category.